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# Report of the Main Committee

**Addendum**

## Draft political declaration

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1. At its _____ meeting, on 12 April 2002, the Main Committee approved the following changes to the text of the draft political declaration[1] and recommended them to the Assembly for adoption.

2. Article 2 was revised to read:

> "We celebrate rising life expectancy in many regions of the world as one of humanity's major achievements. We recognize that the world is experiencing an unprecedented demographic transformation and that by 2050 the number of persons aged 60 years and over will increase from 600 million to almost 2 billion and that the proportion of persons aged 60 years and over is expected to double from 10 per cent to 21 per cent. The increase will be greatest and most rapid in developing countries where the older population is expected to quadruple during the next 50 years. This demographic transformation challenges all our societies to promote increased opportunities, in particular opportunities for older persons to realize their potential to participate fully in all aspects of life."

3. Article 3 was revised to read:

> "We reiterate the commitments made by our heads of State and Governments at major United Nations conferences and summits, at their follow-up processes and in the Millennium Declaration with respect to the promotion of international and national environments that will foster a society for all ages. We furthermore reaffirm the Principles and Recommendations for Action of the International Plan of Action on Ageing endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1982 and the United Nations Principles for Older Persons adopted by the General Assembly in 1991, which provided guidance in areas of independence, participation, care, self-fulfilment and dignity."

[1] For the text of the draft political declaration, see A/CONF.197/3/Add.1 and 4.

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4. A new article was inserted following article 8, to read:

"8 bis. We commit ourselves to protect and assist older persons in situations of armed conflict and foreign occupation."